



# The Georgia Senate This Week

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## **SB 529 moves to the House**

# Senate says “yes” to immigration reform

Probably the most talked-about piece of legislation to come out of the 2006 legislative session, the *Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act* passed the Senate in a bi-partisan effort on Wednesday, but not before a lengthy debate and five amendments.

Senate Bill 529, authored by Sen. **Chip Rogers** of the 21<sup>st</sup>, passed the Senate 40-13, in a step to bring the state into compliance with federal law. Two of the five amendments passed. Amendment One, by Sen. **Emanuel Jones** of the 10<sup>th</sup>, makes any property obtained with false identification as contraband. Amendment Four, authored by Sen. **Rogers**, refers to fictitious and fraudulent statements.

“I wish that I were not here today to advocate Senate Bill 529,” Sen. **Rogers** said. “I wish that the federal government had protected our borders, but they failed. I wish the state and local governments had used their powers granted them to curb illegal immigration, but they have not.

“What can we do?” he asked. “We can start by using the tools given to us by the federal government to address this problem.”

Sen. **Sam Zamarripa** of the 36<sup>th</sup> worked on the measure with Sen. **Rogers** but announced prior to the vote that he still could not vote for it.

“What this comes down to in the poultry world, in the textile world, and yes in the home construction world, it comes down to fear. It comes down to people saying that ‘I think New Orleans is looking good,’” Sen. **Zamarripa** said.

“What this bill does, is it creates an environment of fear that has a direct effect on production costs,” he added. “As you consider your support for this bill, be very clear that there are economic consequences that are near term. It’s more than the economic issues. It is a moral issue of great importance. If you haven’t somehow benefited from them, if you can’t see the benefit, then you go ahead and cast that vote. But I know that you know that we have all benefited [from illegal immigrants].



“I am not asking you not to be mad about immigration. I am asking you to be patient. This is a federal issue. At the end of the day I think this bill creates a class of people that are separate and unequal, and there are about a million of them. “

In a rare move, Senate President Pro Tempore **Eric Johnson** of the 1<sup>st</sup> took the well to speak to the legislation.

“We have opened our arms . . . our hearts . . . to people from all over the world,” he said. “Our country and our economy welcomed this ‘fuel’ for a growing and developing land. It wasn’t always easy as new customs, religions and cultures clashed with the group that came before. In America, prejudice eventually turns into acceptance and understanding and then to brotherly love. America is now a rainbow of people that, blended together makes us rich with diversity and creativity and energy. No other nation is as diverse as we are.

“The impact of illegal aliens on public health is undeniable,” Sen. **Johnson** continued.

“Our heart has no limit.  
But our pocketbook does.”  
- Senate President Pro Tempore Eric Johnson

“Legal immigrants are medically screened. Obviously there is no health screening of people who sneak into our country and disappear into our communities.

“Forty-three percent of non-citizens have no health insurance. That equals more than nine million people – most of whom are illegals. Their utilization rate of hospitals and emergency rooms – the most expensive source of health care delivery – is more than twice the rate of American citizens. That means that taxpayers pay for their health care. Last year, more than 24,000 illegal aliens cost Georgia taxpayers more than \$114 million.”

Senate Bill 529, which **Rogers** worked on for more than a year, addresses four major components: public safety, public contracts, private employers and public benefits. Specifically, the legislation outlaws human smuggling, which has become a problem in Georgia over the past decade, and requires those arrested on a criminal charge to prove that they are in the country legally.

Since the early 1990s, Georgia has seen an influx of illegal immigrants moving to Georgia to take jobs in the agriculture arena, construction industry and in the carpet mills of north Georgia. Sen. **Rogers** says that many of these laborers are paid in cash and don’t pay taxes. He says that both the businesses and the laborers are cheating the system.

“Every employer and employee should follow the same rules. No business should be rewarded in the marketplace for breaking the law and likewise, no business should be punished in the marketplace for following the law.”

Senate Bill 529 now moves to the House of Representatives for approval.

# Senate agrees to voting machine paper trails

The Senate passed Senate Bill 500 on Monday, legislation by Sen. **Bill Stephens** of the 27<sup>th</sup>, to provide a pilot program in three Georgia counties to equip the state's electronic voting machines with voter verifiable paper audit trails in the elections slated for November of this year.

The measure, which passed 51-0, is known as the *2006 Georgia Accountability in Elections Act*, and will make Georgia one of the first states in the nation with a uniform statewide system of automated touch-screen voting machines capable of producing a paper ballot of every vote cast.



“My hope is that this legislation will take us one more step forward towards having the most trustworthy and secure voting system in the country,” Sen. **Stephens** told his colleagues on the Senate floor.

“Implementation of this bill as a test program will give us a chance to determine if Georgia will be one of the states moving forward with a verifiable paper trail to alleviate problems with elections.”



Bibb, Camden and Cobb are the counties designated to participate in the pilot program, and one precinct in each of the three counties will participate in the 2006 November General Election and any resulting runoff that may occur in the precinct. Within 30 days of the General Election, and any subsequent run-off, an audit will be performed, which will compare the results from the voter verifiable paper audit trail to the documentation recorded by the electronic voting machines. The results of this audit will be made public.

In what seemed to be a good natured exchange, Sen. **George Hooks** of the 14<sup>th</sup> asked Sen. **Stephens** why no rural counties, like the ones he represents, were chosen for the pilot program. “Isn’t it true that rural Georgia has good, solid election superintendents?”

“Having grown up in Fannin County, where occasionally in years past when they didn’t like the polling results, they just drove the pick-up with the [election] box on the back of it,” Sen. **Stephens** said. “I know that there are issues in rural Georgia that we also have to deal with.”

“You shouldn’t have said that Senator . . .” Sen. **Hooks** replied.


“Well, you’ve got to have a sense of humor Senator,” Sen. **Stephens** retorted.

“Sarcasm is the language of the devil,” Sen. **Hooks** drawled.

“You should know,” Sen. **Stephens** laughed.

“We tried to design a pilot program that is of very minimal cost to the state of Georgia,” **Stephens** said prior to the vote. “It is important to get this right.”

# “Castle Doctrine” gives Georgians right to defend themselves, others in public arena


 In an extension of the “Castle Doctrine,” Senate Bill 396 passed the Senate 40-13, and gives Georgians the right to stand their ground and exercise their right to self-defense if attacked.

Currently, the law allows Georgians to use deadly force to defend themselves or others from a lethal threat. The bill, authored by Sen. **Greg Goggans** of the 7<sup>th</sup>, clarifies that if used justifiably, people have no “duty” to retreat and the use of such self-defense will not subject one to criminal prosecution or a civil lawsuit from the attacker against whom the force is used.

Sen. **Goggans** said that while this seems like common sense, there are examples of people who attacked others and then, when successfully fended off, have brought civil lawsuits against the very people they attacked.

“This bill will bring clarity and certainty to victims of violent crime who choose to stand their ground and defend themselves against lethal threats without fear of criminal prosecution or civil lawsuits,” Sen. **Goggans** said after the legislation passed.

## Second murder charge may await those who kill pregnant women in Georgia

 Even if a woman doesn’t know she is pregnant, if she is murdered, her killer could be tried on two counts of murder if her unborn child dies in utero, according to Senate Bill 77, the *Unborn Victims of Violence Act*, authored by Sen. **Renee Unterman** of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

Following the brutal killing of **Laci Peterson**, who was in the last stages of pregnancy, the U.S. Congress passed a law which designates a homicide for the killing of an unborn child. However the federal law only applies when the crime happens on federal property, such as a post office or federal courthouse.

During debate, several amendments were presented by various Senators – including Sen. **Gloria Butler** of the 55<sup>th</sup> and **Valencia Seay** of the 34<sup>th</sup>. Each of the amendments had several amendments of their own – most of them authored by Sen. **Preston Smith** of the 52<sup>nd</sup>. After a short game of “amendment chess,” all but one of the amendments were withdrawn and the bill passed basically intact.

If passed by the House and signed by the Governor, this bill will strengthen Georgia’s feticide law to offer protection to pregnant women anywhere within the state.

Two other related bills – one to require a woman to undergo an ultrasound prior to submitting to an abortion, by Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** of the 50<sup>th</sup>, and the other, allowing pharmacists to refuse to fill prescriptions for drugs that terminate a pregnancy, by Sen. **Jim Whitehead** of the 24<sup>th</sup> also passed the Senate last week. These bills are headed for the House as well.

# *In Committee Action...*

## Agriculture and Consumer Affairs

On Tuesday, March 7, Chairman **John Bulloch** of the 11<sup>th</sup> called the Committee to order to discuss three bills. Sen. **Vincent Fort** of the 39<sup>th</sup> spoke very briefly on *Senate Bill 511*, which prevents the sale of marijuana/hemp flavored candy. He noted that, due to the concerns raised by the hemp industry during the public hearing on February 21, a substitute bill had been submitted. The bill passed unanimously out of Committee. Sen. **Chip Rogers** of the 21<sup>st</sup> introduced *SB 588*, which would prohibit the public use or display of an individual's social security number. The bill includes four circumstances under which the law would not be applicable. Both **Kirby Thompson** of Equifax and **Daniel Orrock** of Georgia Watch spoke in favor of the legislation. The bill passed unanimously out of Committee by substitute. Sen. **Bulloch** then introduced *SB 613*, which expands the authority of the Commissioner of Agriculture to provide safety and security at the State Farmer's Markets. The bill passed unanimously out of Committee.

## Appropriations

The Senate Appropriations Committee did not meet this week.

## Banking and Financial Institutions

The Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee did not meet this week.

## Economic Development and Tourism

Chairman **Jeff Mullis** of the 53<sup>rd</sup> called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 7. Sen. **Sam Zamarripa** of the 36<sup>th</sup> presented *Senate Resolution 1090*, which creates the Civil Rights Commission to coordinate, plan, preserve and promote the Civil Rights Trail of Georgia. Following a motion, the resolution passed out of Committee unanimously.

## Education and Youth

Chairman **Dan Moody** of the 56<sup>th</sup> called the Committee to order on Tuesday, March 7, to hear several bills. Sen. **John Wiles** of the 37<sup>th</sup> presented *Senate Bill 617*, which makes changes to the complaint policy for teachers and other school personnel. Sen. **Moody** recommended the bill be assigned to a study committee, and closely looked at during the interim. Sen. **Wiles** did not object to the suggestion, and *SB 617* was held in Committee. Next, Sen. **Moody** presented *SB 610*, which establishes that charter schools will not be precluded from using computer and Internet-based instruction for students in a virtual or remote setting. An Alpharetta family spoke in support of the bill, stating that it would be of great benefit to their daughter who is currently enrolled in a charter school. **Jim Mullins** of DeKalb County Schools spoke against the bill and recommended further study. *SB 610* passed by a vote of 4 to 2. Deputy Superintendent of Schools **Stuart Bennett** then presented *SB 618*, which broadens code language to allow any child placed in the custody of the Department of Human Resources (DHR) or the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) access to public school instruction. **Angela Palm** of the Georgia School Council Institute and other advocates asked that language be included to expedite the transfer time periods for student records. Several other advocates spoke in support of the legislation. Deputy Legislative Counsel **Betsy Howerton** drafted language for an amendment to include rules on the transfer of student records, and *SB 618* passed as amended by a unanimous vote. Sen. **Moody** then recommended that *SB 430*, sponsored by Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** of the 50<sup>th</sup>, be studied during the interim, and the bill was also held in Committee.

## Ethics

The Committee met on Tuesday, March 7, to discuss *House Bill 1141*, which requires that the State Ethics Commission collect fees for annual lobbyist registration and the issuance of ID cards. The Committee was unable to meet a quorum, so the Committee will meet at a later date to discuss legislation.

## Finance

Chairman **Casey Cagle** of the 49<sup>th</sup> called the meeting to order on Monday, March 6. Sen. **Don Thomas** of the 54<sup>th</sup> introduced *House Bill 1040*, which defines the raw material cost of carpet samples. **Roy Bowen**, president of the Georgia Textile Manufacturing Association, spoke in favor of the legislation. The bill passed out of Committee unanimously. The Committee then heard from Sen. **David Shafer** of the 48<sup>th</sup> who presented *Senate Resolution 817*, which restricts amendments that increase appropriations. Sen. **Shafer** included a Substitute that included “reserves.” Following questions from the Committee and audience comments, the resolution passed out of Committee unanimously. Sen. **Shafer** then introduced *Senate Bill 585*, which allows tax commissioners to transfer delinquent tax liens to a third party. The Committee heard from **Andrew Booth**, Deputy Tax Commissioner of DeKalb County, who voiced his support. *SB 585* passed unanimously out of Committee. Sen. **Chip Pearson** of the 51<sup>st</sup> introduced *SB 597*, which would authorize the recovery of litigation fees incurred by a taxpayer who won an appeal against county boards of equalization. The bill passed unanimously. Sen. **Joseph Carter** of the 13<sup>th</sup> introduced *SB 620*, which allows motor vehicle rental companies to charge a recovery fee from certain taxes. The bill passed unanimously. The Committee then heard from Rep. **Steve Tumlin** of the 38<sup>th</sup> and Sen. **John Wiles** of the 37<sup>th</sup> on *HB 1014*, which extends sales and use tax exemptions for overhead materials purchased by federal contractors. The bill passed unanimously. Then Sen. **Seth Harp** of the 29<sup>th</sup> introduced *SR 1104*, which proposes a constitutional amendment to extend conservation use easements for areas in stream buffers. *SR 1104* passed out of Committee unanimously. Sen. **Cagle** then presented *SR 1085*, which proposes a constitutional amendment to provide for retirement income exclusions for senior citizens. *SR 1085* passed out of Committee unanimously. Rep. **Bob Smith** of 113<sup>th</sup> presented *HR 1081*, which creates a joint study committee to create a funding formula for the Department of Technical and Adult Education (DTAE). The Committee heard from representatives from the Chancellor’s Office and DTAE. Sen. **Cagle** introduced a Substitute which would allow the members of the study committee to elect the chairperson. *HR 1081* passed unanimously by Substitute.

## Health and Human Services

On Thursday, March 2, the Committee was called to order by Vice-Chairman **Renee Unterman** of the 45<sup>th</sup>. *Senate Bill 78* was introduced by sponsor Sen. **Tommie Williams** of the 19<sup>th</sup>. The bill would allow dental hygienists to perform their duties on patients with physical or mental disabilities who reside in institutions or are confined to their homes, under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. The bill passed unanimously out of Committee. Chairman **Don Thomas** of the 54<sup>th</sup> then asked Sen. **Preston Smith** of the 52<sup>nd</sup> to present *SB 607*. The bill would prevent advance practice registered nurses (APRNs) or physician’s assistant to order or dispense dangerous drugs, medical treatments, diagnostic studies and selected controlled substances (per OCGA 43-34-26-1) while located within a general merchandising or business establishment, a portion of which is licensed as a pharmacy. Sen. **Smith** explained that the primary concern was the emergence of the new “minute clinics” being created in stores such as Wal-Mart and CVS. After some discussion, it was agreed to make one change in the language so the legislation would not affect HMOs. **Jay Morgan**, representing the Minute Clinics, spoke in opposition to the bill, noting that since eight clinics had opened at CVS stores around Atlanta, more than 4,000 people had been seen with a 91 percent satisfaction rate. **David Cook**, Executive Director of the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG), expressed concerns that the clinics were set up in conjunction with pharmacies. **Dimitrius Malfekuzati**, representing the Georgia Nurses’ Association, expressed concern about limiting access to healthcare. The bill passed out of Committee by a vote of 5 to 2.



*SB 603*, sponsored by Sen. **Thomas** of the 54<sup>th</sup>, would allow APRNs to prescribe most medications, with the exception of Schedule 1 or 2 drugs (i.e., controlled substances) under the direct supervision of a physician. A representative of MAG went through the bill in detail, followed by questions from committee members. Dr. **Rick Wherry**, a Dahlonga physician representing the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians, spoke in favor of the bill, but did advise that the physician must be actively practicing and have a Georgia license. Mr. **Malfekuzati** objected to the Substitute, which he said did not reflect the earlier discussion and agreement with the Georgia Nurses Association. Nurse practitioner **Lisa Hartman** with Georgia Cancer Specialists, said that *SB 603* will not be useful because there are too many restrictions. Dr. **McNatt** said that the Medical Board of Georgia supports closer supervision. Amendments were proposed by Sens. **Don Balfour** of the 9<sup>th</sup> and **Judson Hill** of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, all of which passed. The bill then passed unanimously by substitute out of Committee.

On Tuesday, March 7, Sen. **Thomas** of the 54<sup>th</sup> called the meeting to order to discuss a number of bills. Sen. **Cecil Staton** of the 18<sup>th</sup> discussed *Senate Bill 565* which would establish the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission. In his remarks, Sen. **Staton** noted that Georgia has only four Level I trauma centers across the State (Atlanta, Macon, Augusta and Savannah) and better and more accessible trauma care is desperately needed. The bill passed unanimously. Sen. **Casey Cagle** of the 49<sup>th</sup> introduced *SB 648* which would establish a comprehensive program to monitor and detect ineligible recipients of medical assistance through the Georgia Department of Community Health. The bill also passed unanimously.

Sen. **Smith** told the Committee that he would like to withdraw his bill, *SB 587*, for addition work and possible passage during the 2007 session. He then introduced *SB 602*, which would require the privatization of one or more of Georgia's mental health facilities, which are managed by the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR). He spoke in favor of public/private partnerships and discussed successful systems in other states. Sen. **Smith** noted that there are seven facilities around the State, and the West Georgia location has been mentioned as a probable closure. This bill, he said, is a good option to shutting down a facility. **Roberta Schulte**, representing DHR's Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases, expressed the Department's concern. While not opposed in principle, she said, there was concern over some of the language, in particular the mandate that facilities "shall" be privatized. She suggested "may" be substituted, but Sen. **Smith** pointed out that would make no change from current law. Sen. **Seth Harp** of the 29<sup>th</sup> spoke of concerns from his constituents regarding the West Georgia facility, which is included in his district and requested more information. Following additional questions from the Committee, the Substitute to *SB 602* passed out of Committee by a vote of 5 to 4.

## Higher Education

The Committee was called to order on Tuesday, March 7, by Chairman **Seth Harp** of the 29<sup>th</sup>. Sen. **Chip Pearson** of the 51<sup>st</sup> offered *Senate Bill 582*. The bill requires that home-schooled applicants to the state university system must use the same admission standards as other students. Vice Chancellor **Tom Daniel** told the Committee that while the Regents do not oppose the bill, they would prefer that the rules remain policy rather than be added to the state code. *SB 582* passed by a unanimous vote. Sen. **Michael Meyer Von Bremen** of the 12<sup>th</sup> presented *SB 594*. The bill allows honors programs to be added to the weighting for HOPE Scholarship eligibility. Sen. **Meyer Von Bremen** told the Committee that we should be challenging our students rather than dumbing them down. **Mary Alexander** with the Georgia Student Finance Commission stated that they feel the legislation is preliminary at this point, and they are studying the matter of weighted courses for future action. The legislation was approved by a 3-1 vote.

## Insurance and Labor

Chairman **Ralph Hudgens** of the 47<sup>th</sup> called the meeting to order on Monday, March 6. Sen. **Tim Golden** of the 8<sup>th</sup> presented *Senate Bill 407*, which requires the Governor and the Department of Community Health to contract with a Georgia school of public policy for a state-by-state survey of innovative state health care plans. **Margaret Price** from the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) voiced her support of the legislation. **John Upchurch**, director of the State Health Benefit Plan, told the Committee about similar reports in the past. The Committee passed the bill by a unanimous vote. Sen. **Michael**

**Meyer von Bremen** of the 12<sup>th</sup> introduced *SB 438*, which requires all new third-party administrators in contract with the State Health Benefit Plan to complete the credentialing process with a hospital or provider within a time frame. **Upchurch** voiced his concerns about the legislation. **Kurt Magee** with the Georgia Association of Health Plans spoke in opposition to the bill. **Ellen Williams** of the Georgia Society of Oncologists, Molly Herrin of the American Cancer Society, **Margaret Price** of PAGE and **Jody Grogan** of the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) spoke in favor of the bill. The Committee passed the bill by a vote of 6-3.

Sen. **Hudgens** called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 7. Sen. **Cecil Staton** of the 18<sup>th</sup> introduced *SB 649*, which would allow business to stack their insurance coverage. Stacking refers to the combination of uninsured motorist or underinsured motorist coverage from several policies and enabling a policy holder to collect from more than one auto insurance policy to receive full payment on a policy. The Committee heard from representatives from State Farm, McKenna Long and Aldridge law firm, Georgia Association of Property/Casualty Insurance, Georgia Farm Bureau and CNA Insurance Company, who were all in opposition to the bill. The bill passed out by a vote of 4-2. The Committee then held a public hearing on *SB 576 and 579*, presented by Sen. **Steen Miles** of the 43<sup>rd</sup>. *SB 576* would collect data relating to an individual's employer for applicants and their dependents receiving health care benefits under any state-funded or administered health care program. *SB 579* require employers of more than 10,000 employees to annually report to the Commissioner of Community Health information regarding employees and health care coverage. The Committee heard from **Richard Ray**, president of the Georgia AFL-CIO. **Mary Lou Romaine-Waymer** of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union spoke in favor of both bills.

## Interstate Cooperation

The Senate Interstate Cooperation Committee did not meet this week.

## Judiciary

On Friday, March 3, the Committee began by taking up *Senate Bill 306*. Chairman **Preston Smith** of the 52<sup>nd</sup> presented the bill on behalf of Sen. **Bill Hamrick** of the 30<sup>th</sup>. The bill changes notice and filing provisions with respect to hospital and nursing home liens. It also changes a provision relating to the effect of release or covenant not to sue on hospitals and other medical provider liens, as well as changes a provision relating to the effect of this part on a settlement or release entered into before entry into a hospital, nursing home or traumatic burn care medical facility. **Emily Bagwell**, representing the Georgia Association of Property and Casualty Insurance Companies; **Bill Clark**, representing the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association; **Mike Holiman**, representing the Superior Court Clerks Association; and **Ken Daniel**, representing the Doctor's Hospital of Augusta, testified and answered questions from the Committee. *SB 306* passed unanimously by Committee Substitute. Sen. **Renee Unterman** of the 45<sup>th</sup> then presented *SB 420*, which amends the child custody statute by adding a new article to be entitled the *Care of a Grandchild Act*. Often, grandparent caregivers are not financially able to fully support the children. This bill will create a statutory mechanism to provide both legal authority and some financial support under specified circumstances, in order to enhance family stability. After some minor changes, the bill passed unanimously by Committee Substitute. Chairman **Smith** then tabled *SB 393* for the remainder of the session. Sen. **Jeff Chapman** of the 3<sup>rd</sup> then presented *SB 555*, which makes three main changes to procedures of local independent authorities. It allows for the dissolution of downtown development agencies, installs procedures to ensure that the agencies operate in an ethical manner, and aims to increase public awareness of the operations of all local independent authorities. **Mark Woodall** of the Sierra Club testified in support of the bill. The bill passed unanimously. Finally, Sen. **Chip Pearson** of the 51<sup>st</sup> presented *Senate Resolution 1040*, which proposes an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide for additional methods for the payment of just and adequate compensation with respect to the taking of private property that results from unreasonably burdensome governmental actions. Several representatives of groups, including the Atlanta Regional Commission, Georgia Municipal Association and Upper Chattahoochee River Keeper testified in opposition to the measure. The resolution received a do pass recommendation by a vote of 4 to 1.



The Committee met again on Monday, March 6, and Sen. **Mitch Seabaugh** of the 28<sup>th</sup> presented *SB 624*, which provides for a sixth judge of superior courts for the Coweta Judicial Circuit. The bill passed unanimously by Committee Substitute. Sen. **Ed Tarver** of the 22<sup>nd</sup> then presented *SB 622*, relating to hospital acquisition, so as to change certain provisions relating to notice of acquisition to the Attorney General. It also changes certain provisions relating to content and form of notice to the Attorney General, fees and retention of experts. Representatives from the Attorney General's Office and the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals testified in support of the bill. The bill passed unanimously. Sen. **John Wiles** of the 37<sup>th</sup> presented *SR 1027*, which creates the Senate Study Committee on Court Surcharges and Additional Fines. The resolution unanimously received a do pass recommendation.

Tuesday, March 7 was the last day Committees could pass Senate legislation prior to the 30<sup>th</sup> day – which will be crossover day this year. The Committee passed *Senate Bill 631* unanimously. The measure, by Sen. **John Wiles** of the 37<sup>th</sup>, creates an aggravated misdemeanor offense for distributing obscene material. **Maggie Garrett** of the ACLU testified against the legislation. Sen. **Wiles** also presented *Senate Bill 101*, which will allow plaintiffs to request proceedings in Superior Court to be held before an elected judge. Both the Council of Superior Court Judges and the Council of State Court Judges opposed the measure. *SB 101* passed 6-1. Sen. **Emanuel Jones** of the 10<sup>th</sup> appeared before the Committee to present *Senate Bill 461*, legislation concerning eminent domain. There was no discussion and *SB 461* passed unanimously. Sen. **Bill Hamrick** of the 30<sup>th</sup>, presented *Senate Bill 583*, regarding the waiver to a trial by jury. This legislation would codify the current common practice. Fulton County District Attorney **Paul Howard** testified in favor of the bill. It passed 7-3. Sen. **Vincent Fort** of the 39<sup>th</sup> returned to the Committee with changes to the state's "hate crimes law" which he authored several years ago. The legislation, which passed 8-3, clarifies language regarding bias or prejudice. Sen. **Fort** also presented *Senate Resolution 1030*, which will create a study commission to look at Georgia's death penalty law. Several people testified in favor of the measure, which passed 5-4. *Senate Bill 572* passed out of Committee 6-0. The legislation relates to managed care fraud and Georgia's Medicaid program. Sen. **Greg Goggans** of the 7<sup>th</sup> is sponsoring the legislation.

## Natural Resources and Environment

On Thursday, March 2, the Committee met and Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** of the 50<sup>th</sup> presented *SR 838*, which urges and supports the full funding of state and local efforts to clean up hazardous waste sites and properly address waste-related activities, and to control erosion and sedimentation. The resolution received a unanimous do pass recommendation. *SB 550* was then presented by Sen. **Don Thomas** of the 54<sup>th</sup>. The bill provides for a collection and recovery program for mercury switches removed from end-of-life vehicles in this State. After much discussion, the committee passed the bill unanimously with the understanding that language would be perfected on the floor. Sen. **John Douglas** of the 17<sup>th</sup> presented *SB 392* provides for a waiver of fees to state parks, historic areas, memorials and recreation for unremarried spouses and children of deceased military persons who were killed in combat after September 11, 2001. The bill passed unanimously.

The Committee met again on Tuesday, March 7, and began by taking up *SB 612*. Sen. **John Bulloch** of the 11<sup>th</sup> presented the bill, which establishes a statewide fine of \$25 for the offense of hunting over bait. **Dan Forester** of the Wildlife Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources spoke to the number of offenses and averages of fines in 2005. **Glen Dowling** of the Georgia Wildlife Federation testified in opposition of the bill. The bill passed by a vote of 7 to 1. Sen. **Seth Harp** of the 29<sup>th</sup> then presented *SB 604*, which provides for current use assessment for certain undeveloped land areas within buffer zones established by law or local ordinance adjacent to rivers, perennial streams, or reservoirs; to provide for exemptions from certain covenant and penalty provisions. **Neil Herring** of the Sierra Club testified in support of the bill. The bill passed unanimously by Committee Substitute. Sen. **Harp** then presented *SB 575*, which changes certain provisions relating to a water supply and water conservation management plan for the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District. The bill would require homes and buildings within the district to be fitted with low-flow plumbing fixtures. Several people testified in opposition to the bill. After much discussion, the bill passed by Committee Substitute by a vote of 5 to 2. Chairman **Ross Tolleson** of the 20<sup>th</sup> then presented *SB 191*, which provides for expedited review of certain applications for permits or variances performed by qualified professionals under contract

with the Environmental Protection Division. The bill passed unanimously by Committee Substitute. *SR 325* was then presented by Sen. **Steen Miles** of the 43<sup>rd</sup>. The resolution urges the State of Georgia to appropriate funds necessary for closure and post-closure care at the Scales Road Landfill in DeKalb County and for compensation of Mr. **James Clark**. Sen. **Miles** testified that many of the problems in the resolution have been dealt with since its drafting. Chairman **Tolleson** asked that she draft a new resolution specific to the issues that have not yet been dealt with and he would withhold action on *SR 325*. Sen. **Chip Pearson** of the 51<sup>st</sup> then presented *SB 294*, which relates to county and municipal regulation of timber harvesting, so as to provide for additional limitations on tree ordinances as they apply to individual home-owners cutting tress on their own property. *SB 294* passed unanimously by Committee Substitute.

## Public Safety and Homeland Security

The Committee was called to order on Tuesday, March 7, by Chairman **Brian Kemp** of the 46<sup>th</sup>. Senator **Preston Smith** of the 52<sup>nd</sup> opened with a presentation of *Senate Bill 637*. The bill makes minor changes to *Joshua's Law* passed by the Legislature last year. *Joshua's Law* creates a statewide driver's education program in Georgia. After a few questions from the Committee, the bill was approved by unanimous vote. *SB 554* was presented by Sen. **J.B. Powell** of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The bill rewrites a section of the state's code governing powers granted to the Governor in a state of emergency. It removes language allowing the Governor to seize legally owned handguns from residents. Sen. **Powell** says that he was concerned after reading about weapons seized from Gulf Coast residents in other states in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Mrs. **Alice Johnson** with Georgians for Gun Safety spoke in opposition to the bill. She stated that the law as written does not impede legal gun ownership, and the removal of the emergency powers could contribute to the deaths of police and guard soldiers deployed in the event of an emergency. The legislation was approved by a 4-3 vote. Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** of the 50<sup>th</sup> introduced *SB 491*. This bill changes the penalties for a fifth conviction for driving under the influence. After a short debate on the bill, it was passed unanimously. Sen. **Ross Tolleson** of the 20<sup>th</sup> gave a presentation on *SB 619*. The constitutional amendment creates a new license plate to collect money for brain related injuries. The legislation was passed by a unanimous vote. *SB 223* was introduced by Sen. **Ed Harbison** of the 15<sup>th</sup>. The bill authorizes the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to create and manage a statewide building mapping program for use by Georgia's first responders. After a short debate on funding and management of the program, it was approved by a unanimous vote. The final bill was presented by Sen. **Kemp** on behalf of Sen. **Casey Cagle** of the 49<sup>th</sup>. *SB 642* creates a new position of Immigration Enforcement Director in the Office of Homeland Security. After Committee members expressed some concerns over how the position will be funded, the bill was passed by a vote of 4 to 3.

## Reapportionment and Redistricting

The Senate Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee did not meet this week.

## Regulated Industries and Utilities

The Committee met on Tuesday, March 7, to consider *Senate Resolution 1081* and *Senate Bill 599*. Chairman **Mitch Seabaugh** of the 28<sup>th</sup> presented *SR 1081*, which creates the Georgia Broadband Education Task Force. The Task Force will work to educate the public on the benefits of broadband technology, and to improve the utilization of broadband within the State. *SR 1081* passed by a unanimous vote. Senator **Ross Tolleson** of the 20<sup>th</sup> then presented *SB 599*, which makes changes to the qualifications and education requirements necessary to obtain licensure/certification as an engineer or land surveyor. Specifically, the legislation would allow certified land surveyors to design and layout certain types of grading, retention ponds, stormwater management systems and other facilities. Representatives of the Georgia Association of Surveyors spoke in support of the bill, stating that most certified land surveyors are qualified to design and layout these types of facilities. Members of the Georgia chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, as well as some professional engineers, were opposed to the legislation, saying reducing the qualifications for design professionals posed a risk to public safety. After some discussion, *SB 599* was amended to include minor changes in language, and it passed unanimously by Substitute.

## Retirement

On Thursday, March 2, Chairman **Bill Heath** of the 31<sup>st</sup> called the meeting to address four bills. Sen. **Heath** announced that copies of the bills on the agenda had been distributed to Committee members during the day's extended Senate session, and unless anyone had questions or objections, he would ask, after going over each bill very briefly, for a do pass recommendation. Sen. **Vincent Fort** of the 39<sup>th</sup> asked for clarification on *Senate Bill 644*. The bill would extend eligibility in the Employees Retirement System (ERS) for people in the legislative branch of state government who had "temporary full-time service" prior to January 1, 1996 to anyone serving before July 1, 2006. Sen. **Fort** asked if it was certain that this would not apply to elected state representatives and senators. Sen. **Heath** assured him that it did not, and Sen. **Fort** expressed no additional concerns. Sen. **Ralph Hudgens** of the 47<sup>th</sup> pointed out that even if a legislator, after no longer holding elected office, were to be hired, he or she would be covered by the retirement system for legislators. In addition to *SB 644*, *House Bill 744*, which merges retirement and pensions for members of the Georgia Class Nine Fire Department Pension Fund into the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund; *HB 1151*, which establishes that the Board of Trustees of the ERS will be the successor to the Employee benefit Council for the purpose of administering any deferred compensation plans provided to employees, and *Senate Bill 177*, a substitute which specifies that all employees and officers of the State Road and Tollway Authority will become members of the ERS, were briefly reviewed. There were no objections, and the four bills passed unanimously out of Committee.

## Rules

The Senate Rules Committee met on Wednesday to give a do-pass recommendation to Senate Resolution 844, recognizing blue grass music week in Georgia.

## Science and Technology

Chairman **David Shafer** of the 48<sup>th</sup> called the meeting to order on Thursday, March 2, to continue hearing testimony about *Senate Bill 596*, a bill that creates the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative and the New Born Umbilical Cord Blood Bank. The legislation also makes it illegal for any person or entity to perform human cloning or ship and receive an embryo produced by human cloning. The Committee heard comments from representatives of the Christian Coalition, Americans United for Life, Georgia Right to Life, Georgia Family Council, the Archdiocese of Atlanta and the Georgia Catholic Conference, all in support of the legislation. The Committee also heard from **Rusty Kidd**, chairman of the Georgia Spinal Injury Trust Commission, who voiced support for stem cell research. **Szymon Moldenhawer**, executive director for the Babies for Life Foundation and representatives from the Georgia Osteopathic Association and the Georgia Chiropractic Association spoke in favor of the legislation. Then Sen. **David Adelman** of the 42<sup>nd</sup> spoke in opposition to the embryonic stem cell research ban in the bill. Sen. **Shafer** responded to **Adelman's** comments and presented a Committee Substitute that clarified definitions of "embryo." Sen. **Sam Zamarripa** of the 36<sup>th</sup> raised questions about the Committee's knowledge of the complicated science behind *SB 596*. Sen. **Tim Golden** of the 8<sup>th</sup> presented an amendment that would clarify that leftover embryos in fertility clinics would be eligible for research. The amendment failed 3 to 4. Sen. **Zamarripa** of the 36<sup>th</sup> presented an amendment that would strip the cloning provision from the bill. The bill failed 3 to 5. Sen. **J.B. Powell** of the 23<sup>rd</sup> presented an amendment that would exempt therapeutic cloning research. The amendment failed 3 to 5. A motion was made to pass the bill, and the bill passed out of Committee 5 to 3.

Chairman **Shafer** called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 7. Sen. **Judson Hill** of the 32<sup>nd</sup> presented *SB 541*, which provide that no person shall transmit to an electronic address in Georgia any message that contains advertising material for viewing, use, consumption, sale, lease or rental only by persons over 18 years of age unless the first eight characters of the subject line are "ADV:ADLT." Representatives of the University System, AT&T and Verizon voiced support for the bill. The bill passed out of Committee unanimously. Rep. **Mike Keown** of the 173<sup>rd</sup> presented *House Bill 1055*, which requires each local board of education and governing body of each public library to adopt an Internet usage acceptable-use policy for its school or library by no later than January 1, 2007. The bill passed out of Committee unanimously. Sen. **Shafer** again introduced *SB 596* with a new Committee Substitute that would remove the provisions prohibiting embryonic cloning, thus, preserving the umbilical cord blood bank and commission. After hearing comments from the audience and Committee members, the Committee passed the bill out unanimously.

## Special Judiciary

The Committee met on Wednesday, March 8, to take up *SB 638*. Sen. **Ronnie Chance** of the 16<sup>th</sup> presented the bill, which allows a person claiming a lien on aircraft for labor and materials or for contracts of indemnity to file a statement giving notice of his or her intention to claim a lien with the clerk of the superior court within the county that the service was provided. The bill passed unanimously.

## State and Local Governmental Operations

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 7, by Chairman **John Wiles** of the 37<sup>th</sup>. Senator **John Bulloch** of the 11<sup>th</sup> presented *Senate Bill 574*. The bill makes changes that will prevent new incorporated cities from having a name that is the same or similar as other established incorporated cities in the state. The bill was passed with unanimous support. Sen. **Gloria Butler** of the 55<sup>th</sup> district introduced *SB 590* for a hearing. The legislation would set rules for private entities allowed to conduct voter registration drives. **Bradley Heard** with the Charles H. Wesley Education Foundation appeared with Sen. **Butler** to talk about the proposed changes. He stated that the bill would bring state law into line with the federal Motor Voter Act. Sen. **Wiles** said that he has reservations about the proposed changes, and believes they could be better addressed through the Secretary of State's office. Sen. **Dan Moody** of the 56<sup>th</sup> introduced *Senate Resolution 804*. This bill will create the North Fulton Boundary Commission to review the city boundaries for newly created north Fulton incorporated areas. He stated that the bill could eliminate many problems before controversial changes would have to be made by the legislature. The bill was approved with a unanimous vote.

## State Institutions and Property

Chairman **Johnny Grant** of the 25<sup>th</sup> called the meeting to order on Monday, March 6. *Senate Bill 643* was presented by Sen. **Grant**. The bill moves the County and Municipal Probation Advisory Council from the control of the administrative office of the courts to the Department of Corrections. After a short discussion of the bill, Sen. **Grant** decided to hold the legislation in committee until more facts on cost and reasons for the transfer can be provided. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

## Transportation

Chairman **Bill Stephens** of the 27<sup>th</sup> called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 7. On behalf of Sen. **Don Thomas** of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Sen. **Stephens** presented *Senate Resolution 126*, which designates the *Clint H. Bryant Memorial Bridge* in Murray County. *SR 126* passed out of Committee unanimously. Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** of the 50<sup>th</sup> presented *SR 374*, designating the *Roger Caudell Highway*, and the resolution passed by a unanimous vote. Sen. **Greg Goggans** of the 7<sup>th</sup> presented *SR 1034*, which designates the *Sergeant Matthew Vincent Gibbs Memorial Bridge* in Coffee County. *SR 1034* passed out of Committee unanimously. Sen. **Doug Stoner** of the 6<sup>th</sup> presented *SR 873*, which designates the interchange of routes I-75 and I-285 in Cobb County as the *Emory Parrish Interchange*. *SR 873* passed out of Committee unanimously. On behalf of Sen. **Steve Thompson** of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, Sen. **Valencia Seay** of 34<sup>th</sup> presented *SR 1028*, designating the *Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett, Jr. Memorial Highway*, and the resolution passed out of Committee. Sen. **Johnny Grant** of the 25<sup>th</sup> presented *SR 1093*, which designates the *Durward D. (Red) Murphy Memorial Bridge* in Baldwin County. The legislation passed by a unanimous vote. Sen. **Grant** then presented *SR 1094*, designating the *Charles S. (Buddy) Cowan, Jr. Memorial Bridge*, and the resolution passed by a unanimous vote. Sen. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** of the 24<sup>th</sup> presented a Subcommittee Substitute to *Senate Bill 431*, which authorizes the Department of Transportation to order the removal and relocation of utility facilities occupying any part of the public road system. A representative from the Georgia Department of Transportation spoke in favor of the legislation, and *SB 431* passed by a unanimous vote. Sen. **Whitehead** presented *SB 578*, which provides that commercial waste tank truck receiving or disposing of commercial waste may be inspected and permitted annually by the Department of Human Resources. **Bruce Widener** of the Georgia Onsite Wastewater Association spoke in favor of the legislation and the bill passed by a unanimous vote. Sen. **Seay** presented *SB 483*, which requires the DOT to conduct a statewide synchronized traffic signals study. The Committee

heard from **Todd Long**, a traffic engineer with DOT, about the feasibility of the study. Sen. **Kasim Reed** of 35<sup>th</sup> proposed an amendment to limit the study to the 13-county area surrounding Atlanta. Sen. **Mitch Seabaugh** of the 28<sup>th</sup> suggested that limiting the study to the 13 counties would still be too much. Sen. **Stephens** suspended discussion on the bill, so Senators **Reed**, **Seabaugh** and **Seay** could discuss the bill further. Sen. **John Bulloch** of the 11<sup>th</sup> presented *SB 636*, which defines biodiesel fuel, and the bill passed by a unanimous vote. The Committee resumed discussion on *SB 483*, and Sen. **Reed** proposed an amendment that limited the study to the 10-county region as defined by the Atlanta Regional Commission. The amendment passed unanimously, and the bill passed by a unanimous vote.

### **Veterans and Military Affairs**

The Committee met on Monday, March 6, to take up *Senate Bill 402*. Sen. **Emanuel Jones** of the 10<sup>th</sup> presented a Substitute to the bill, which creates specially designed license plate for recipients of the Bronze Star. The bill passed unanimously.

# *Georgia State Senate First Readers*

(Thursday, March 2 - Thursday, March 9, 2006)

## *Senate Resolutions*

- SR 1062**    Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training Program; commend  
Sens. **Casey Cagle** (49<sup>th</sup>); **Brian Kemp** (46<sup>th</sup>); **Bill Stephens** (27<sup>th</sup>)  
and **Don Thomas** (54<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/02/06*
- SR 1063**    Georgia Sports Hall of Fame; recognize  
Sens. **Cecil Staton** (18<sup>th</sup>) and **Robert Brown** (26<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/02/06*
- SR 1064**    Private James Boggan Memorial Bridge  
Sen. **Greg Goggans** (7<sup>th</sup>)  
*Transportation Committee – 03/02/06*
- SR 1065**    Jordan, Mr. Oscar H.; commend  
Sen. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/02/06*
- SR 1066**    Towns County; celebrate  
Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** (50<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/02/06*
- SR 1067**    Prevention of the Starvation and Dehydration of Persons with Disabilities;  
create Senate Study Committee  
Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** (50<sup>th</sup>)  
*Rules Committee – 03/02/06*
- SR 1068**    McRae, Buford W.; commend  
Sen. **Tim Golden** (8<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/02/06*
- SR 1069**    Barker, Matthew James; commend  
Sen. **Chip Pearson** (51<sup>st</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/02/06*
- SR 1070**    Cornelison, IV, Albert McKinley; commend  
Sen. **Chip Pearson** (51<sup>st</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/02/06*
- SR 1071**    Baxter, Cassady Reichert; commend  
Sen. **Chip Pearson** (51<sup>st</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/02/06*
- SR 1072**    Holcombe, Wade Everett; commend  
Sen. **Chip Pearson** (51<sup>st</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/02/06*
- SR 1073**    Bennett, Neil T.; commend  
Sen. **Chip Pearson** (51<sup>st</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/02/06*
- SR 1074**    Hibbitts, Joe; commend  
Sen. **Chip Pearson** (51<sup>st</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/02/06*



- SR 1075** Wells, Jr., Warrant Officer Charles Gary; condolences  
Sen. **Emanuel Jones** (10<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/02/06*
- SR 1076** Chapel of Christian Love Baptist Church Day; proclaim March 6, 2006  
Sens. **Valencia Seay** (34<sup>th</sup>) and **Vincent Fort** (39<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/02/06*
- SR 1077** Licensure of Personal Fitness Trainers; create Senate Study Committee  
Sens. **Emanuel Jones** (10<sup>th</sup>) and **Mitch Seabaugh** (28<sup>th</sup>)  
*Rules Committee – 03/06/06*
- SR 1078** Joint Business Incentive Study Committee; create  
Sens. **Ed Tarver** (22<sup>nd</sup>) and **Jeff Mullis** (53<sup>rd</sup>)  
*Rules Committee – 03/06/06*
- SR 1079** Lowe, Eddie; condolences  
Sens. **Mitch Seabaugh** (28<sup>th</sup>); **Bill Hamrick** (30<sup>th</sup>)  
and **Johnny Grant** (25<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/06/06*
- SR 1080** Dr. Lynda D. Woodruff Appreciation Day; recognize  
Sens. **Steve Henson** (41<sup>st</sup>); **Horacena Tate** (38<sup>th</sup>); **Greg Goggans** (7<sup>th</sup>)  
and **Gloria Butler** (55<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/06/06*
- SR 1081** Georgia Broadband Education Task Force; create  
Sens. **Mitch Seabaugh** (28<sup>th</sup>); **Don Balfour** (9<sup>th</sup>); **Judson Hill** (32<sup>nd</sup>);  
**David Shafer** (48<sup>th</sup>) and **Greg Goggans** (7<sup>th</sup>)  
*Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee – 03/06/06*
- SR 1082** Coretta Scott King Memorial Park; dedicate  
Sens. **Steen Miles** (43<sup>rd</sup>); **Robert Brown** (26<sup>th</sup>); **Chip Pearson** (51<sup>st</sup>);  
**David Shafer** (48<sup>th</sup>); **Regina Thomas** (2<sup>nd</sup>) and others  
*State Institutions and Properties Committee – 03/06/06*
- SR 1083** Buchan, Derward F.; honoring  
Sen. **Greg Goggans** (7<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/06/06*
- SR 1084** Prostate Awareness Month; recognize September  
Sens. **Steve Henson** (41<sup>st</sup>); **Greg Goggans** (7<sup>th</sup>); **Steen Miles** (43<sup>rd</sup>)  
and **Ross Tolleson** (20<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/06/06*
- SR 1085** CA: Income Taxation; exclusions for taxpayers 62 and 65 yrs/older  
Sen. **Casey Cagle** (49<sup>th</sup>)  
*Finance Committee – 03/06/06*
- SR 1086** 848<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company and Company C of 648<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion;  
commemorating  
Sen. **Greg Goggans** (7<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/06/06*
- SR 1087** Joint Comprehensive Medical Education Study Committee; create  
Sens. **Don Thomas** (54<sup>th</sup>); **Greg Goggans** (7<sup>th</sup>); **Renee Unterman** (45<sup>th</sup>);  
**Ralph Hudgens** (47<sup>th</sup>); **Nancy Schaefer** (50<sup>th</sup>) and others  
*Rules Committee – 03/06/06*
- SR 1088** Lung Cancer Awareness Month; recognize November  
Sens. **Don Thomas** (54<sup>th</sup>); **Greg Goggans** (7<sup>th</sup>); **Renee Unterman** (45<sup>th</sup>);  
**Ralph Hudgens** (47<sup>th</sup>); **Nancy Schaefer** (50<sup>th</sup>) and others  
*Read and Adopted – 03/06/06*

- SR 1089** Civil Rights Commission/Civil Rights Trail Study Committee; create  
Sens. **Sam Zamarripa** (36<sup>th</sup>); **Robert Brown** (26<sup>th</sup>); **Jeff Mullis** (53<sup>rd</sup>);  
**Vincent Fort** (39<sup>th</sup>); **Chip Rogers** (21<sup>st</sup>) and others  
*Rules Committee – 03/06/06*
- SR 1090** Civil Rights Commission; create  
Sens. **Sam Zamarripa** (36<sup>th</sup>); **Robert Brown** (26<sup>th</sup>); **Jeff Mullis** (53<sup>rd</sup>);  
**Vincent Fort** (39<sup>th</sup>); **Chip Rogers** (21<sup>st</sup>) and others  
*Rules Committee – 03/06/06*
- SR 1091** Limited Taxation; create Senate Study Committee  
Sens. **Mitch Seabaugh** (28<sup>th</sup>); **Casey Cagle** (49<sup>th</sup>); **Chip Pearson** (51<sup>st</sup>);  
**Chip Rogers** (21<sup>st</sup>); **John Wiles** (37<sup>th</sup>) and others  
*Rules Committee – 03/06/06*
- SR 1092** Senate Homeland Security Community Partnerships Study Committee; create  
Sen. **Casey Cagle** (49<sup>th</sup>)  
*Rules Committee – 03/06/06*
- SR 1093** Durward (Red) Murphy Memorial Bridge; dedicate  
Sen. **Johnny Grant** (25<sup>th</sup>)  
*Transportation Committee – 03/06/06*
- SR 1094** Charles S. (Buddy) Cowan, Jr. Memorial Bridge; dedicate  
Sen. **Johnny Grant** (25<sup>th</sup>)  
*Transportation Committee – 03/06/06*
- SR 1095** Joint State Employees Turnover/Staffing Ratios Study Committee; create  
Sen. **Doug Stoner** (6<sup>th</sup>)  
*Rules Committee – 03/06/06*
- SR 1096** Blackburn, Judye W.; commend  
Sen. **Johnny Grant** (25<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/08/06*
- SR 1097** Public Health Nurses; commend  
Sen. **Ross Tolleson** (20<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/08/06*
- SR 1098** Adjournment; 2006 Regular Session  
Sens. **Tommie Williams** (19<sup>th</sup>); **Eric Johnson** (1<sup>st</sup>)  
and **Robert Brown** (26<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/06/06*
- SR 1099** Strickland, Mrs. Ruby Hickox; congratulate  
Sen. **Tommie Williams** (19<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/08/06*
- SR 1100** King, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben; congratulate  
Sen. **Tommie Williams** (19<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/08/06*
- SR 1101** Hagan, Lee Chandler; Eagle Scout; commend  
Sens. **Steve Henson** (41<sup>st</sup>); **Gloria Butler** (55<sup>th</sup>) and **Don Balfour** (9<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/08/06*
- SR 1102** Fields, Dr. Greg; commend  
Sen. **Emanuel Jones** (10<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/08/06*
- SR 1103** Prather, Mr. Ernest Raymond; commend  
Sens. **Emanuel Jones** (10<sup>th</sup>) and **Steen Miles** (43<sup>rd</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/08/06*

- SR 1104** CA: Ad Valorem Tax; bona fide conservation use property; exemption from covenant requirement  
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29<sup>th</sup>) and **Ross Tolleson** (20<sup>th</sup>)  
*Finance Committee – 03/06/06*
- SR 1105** Southwest DeKalb High School Students; commemorating  
Sens. **Emanuel Jones** (10<sup>th</sup>); **Steve Henson** (41<sup>st</sup>) and **Steen Miles** (43<sup>rd</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/08/06*
- SR 1106** Owen, John; Eagle Scout; commend  
Sen. **Chip Pearson** (51<sup>st</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/08/06*
- SR 1107** Lithonia, City of; commemorating  
Sens. **Steen Miles** (43<sup>rd</sup>); **Gloria Butler** (55<sup>th</sup>); **Steve Henson** (41<sup>st</sup>);  
**Curt Thompson** (5<sup>th</sup>); **David Adelman** (42<sup>nd</sup>) and **Emanuel Jones** (10<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/08/06*
- SR 1108** Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church; recognize  
Sen. **Jack Hill** (4<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/08/06*
- SR 1109** Southern Bank & Trust; recognize  
Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** (50<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/08/06*
- SR 1110** Kesler, Patricia; recognize  
Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** (50<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/08/06*
- SR 1111** Toccoa Clinic Medical Associates; commend  
Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** (50<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/08/06*
- SR 1112** Abernathy, Mrs. Juanita Jones; commend  
Sen. **Steen Miles** (43<sup>rd</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 03/08/06*
- SR 1114** Restructuring of DeKalb County Government; create Senate Study Committee  
Sens. **Emanuel Jones** (10<sup>th</sup>); **Gloria Butler** (55<sup>th</sup>); **Dan Weber** (40<sup>th</sup>);  
**David Adelman** (42<sup>nd</sup>) and **Steen Miles** (43<sup>rd</sup>)  
*Rules Committee – 03/08/06*

### *Senate Bills:*

- SB 619** License Plates, Special; person with brain-related disorders/disabilities; provide for issuance, renewal  
Sens. **Ross Tolleson** (20<sup>th</sup>); **John Bulloch** (11<sup>th</sup>); **Seth Harp** (29<sup>th</sup>) and **Ralph Hudgens** (47<sup>th</sup>)  
*Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 03/02/06*
- SB 620** Motor Vehicle Rental Companies; imposition of fee; provide definitions; procedures, conditions and limitations  
Sens. **Joseph Carter** (13<sup>th</sup>)  
*Finance Committee – 03/02/06*
- SB 621** *Commission for the Blind Act*; create; provide for composition/appointment of members; duties; annual report  
Sens. **Sam Zamarripa** (36<sup>th</sup>); **Chip Rogers** (21<sup>st</sup>); **David Adelman** (42<sup>nd</sup>) and **Regina Thomas** (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
*Insurance and Labor Committee – 03/02/06*

- SB 622** Hospital Acquisition; notice of acquisition to Attorney General; change provisions  
Sens. **Ed Tarver** (22<sup>nd</sup>) and **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24<sup>th</sup>)  
*Judiciary Committee – 03/02/06*
- SB 623** Local School System; annual evaluation; superintendent shall identify evaluator  
Sens. **Judson Hill** (32<sup>nd</sup>) and **Chip Rogers** (21<sup>st</sup>)  
*Education and Youth Committee – 03/02/06*
- SB 624** Coweta Judicial Circuit; provide for a sixth judge of superior courts  
Sens. **Mitch Seabaugh** (28<sup>th</sup>); **Ronnie Chance** (16<sup>th</sup>); **Seth Harp** (29<sup>th</sup>); **Cecil Staton** (18<sup>th</sup>); **Valencia Seay** (34<sup>th</sup>) and **John Douglas** (17<sup>th</sup>)  
*Judiciary Committee – 03/02/06*
- SB 625** Georgia Housing Tax Credits; insurance/income taxes; change certain provisions  
Sen. **Ralph Hudgens** (47<sup>th</sup>)  
*Finance Committee – 03/02/06*
- SB 626** Habersham County; ad valorem taxes; homestead exemption; educational purposes; 65 years/older  
Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** (50<sup>th</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/02/06*
- SB 627** Habersham County Water and Sewerage Authority; continue in existence; reconstitute  
Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** (50<sup>th</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/02/06*
- SB 628** Habersham County; ad valorem taxes; school district; provide homestead exemption; 65 years/older  
Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** (50<sup>th</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/02/06*
- SB 629** Habersham County; ad valorem taxes; change definition of homestead  
Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** (50<sup>th</sup>)  
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- SB 630** Town of Talking Rock; time of municipal elections; terms of mayor/council; change provisions  
Sen. **Chip Pearson** (51<sup>st</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/02/06*
- SB 631** Obscene Material; definition; penalty; provide offense of distribution  
Sen. **John Wiles** (37<sup>th</sup>)  
*Judiciary Committee – 03/02/06*
- SB 632** Divorce; provide copy of final decree; certified mail, return receipt requested; filing of receipts  
Sen. **Renee Unterman** (45<sup>th</sup>)  
*Judiciary Committee – 03/02/06*
- SB 633** Town of Tallulah Falls; town council; quorum, voting, special meetings; change certain provisions  
Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** (50<sup>th</sup>)  
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- SB 634** *Georgia's Self-Defense Act*; definition; civil immunity; provide exception  
Sens. **Jeff Mullis** (53<sup>rd</sup>); **John Bulloch** (11<sup>th</sup>); **Bill Heath** (31<sup>st</sup>); **Greg Goggans** (7<sup>th</sup>) and **Chip Rogers** (21<sup>st</sup>)  
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- SB 635**      Weights of vehicles/loads; define terms; provide certain record-keeping requirements; exceptions  
Sen. **John Bulloch** (11<sup>th</sup>)  
*Transportation Committee – 03/02/06*
- SB 636**      Biodiesel Fuel; define terms  
Sen. **John Bulloch** (11<sup>th</sup>)  
*Transportation Committee – 03/02/06*
- SB 637**      Georgia Driver's Education Commission; change membership; distribution of fines/forfeitures; definition  
Sen. **Preston Smith** (52<sup>nd</sup>)  
*Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 03/02/06*
- SB 638**      Aircraft; liens for labor/contracts of indemnity; filing notice of intention to claim with clerk of superior court  
Sens. **Ronnie Chance** (16<sup>th</sup>); **John Douglas** (17<sup>th</sup>); **Bill Stephens** (27<sup>th</sup>) and **Joseph Carter** (13<sup>th</sup>)  
*Special Judiciary Committee – 03/06/06*
- SB 639**      Workers' Compensation Fee Schedule; require promulgation of standards; exemption of medical providers  
Sens. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24<sup>th</sup>); **Don Thomas** (54<sup>th</sup>) and **Greg Goggans** (7<sup>th</sup>)  
*Judiciary Committee – 03/06/06*
- SB 640**      *Georgia Workers Security Act*; violations of the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986; definitions; penalties  
Sen. **Curt Thompson** (5<sup>th</sup>)  
*Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 03/06/06*
- SB 641**      Penal Institutions; persons convicted of certain sexual offenses; Internet usage; supervising agency  
Sen. **Curt Thompson** (5<sup>th</sup>)  
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- SB 642**      Homeland Security, Office of; immigration enforcement director; establish position; appointment/duties  
Sens. **Casey Cagle** (49<sup>th</sup>); **Chip Rogers** (21<sup>st</sup>); **Jeff Mullis** (53<sup>rd</sup>); **Chip Pearson** (51<sup>st</sup>); **Don Thomas** (54<sup>th</sup>); **Nancy Schaefer** (50<sup>th</sup>) and others  
*Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 03/06/06*
- SB 643**      County/Municipal Probation Advisory Council; change assignment; administrative purposes  
Sens. **Johnny Grant** (25<sup>th</sup>); **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24<sup>th</sup>); **Jeff Mullis** (53<sup>rd</sup>) and **John Douglas** (17<sup>th</sup>)  
*State Institutions and Properties Committee – 03/06/06*
- SB 644**      Madison County; board of education; increase in compensation; provide for procedures  
Sens. **Ralph Hudgens** (47<sup>th</sup>) and **Brian Kemp** (46<sup>th</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/06/06*
- SB645**      Licensed Environmental Professionals; conduct/design hazardous site investigations; qualifications; licensure; regulation  
Sens. **Casey Cagle** (49<sup>th</sup>) and **Jeff Mullis** (53<sup>rd</sup>)  
*Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 03/06/06*
- SB 646**      *Georgia Brownfields Rescue, Redevelopment, Community Revitalization, and Environmental Justice Act*; rehabilitation; change provisions  
Sens. **Casey Cagle** (49<sup>th</sup>) and **Jeff Mullis** (53<sup>rd</sup>)  
*Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 03/06/06*

- SB 647**      *Quality Basic Education Act*; require students in Kindergarten through grade 12 participate in physical activity  
Sens. **Don Thomas** (54<sup>th</sup>); **Greg Goggans** (7<sup>th</sup>); **Dan Moody** (54<sup>th</sup>) and **Jeff Mullis** (53<sup>rd</sup>)  
*Education and Youth Committee – 03/06/06*
- SB 648**      Community Health, Dept. of; medical assistance benefits to ineligible individuals; establish comprehensive program to monitor/detect  
Sens. **Casey Cagle** (49<sup>th</sup>) and **Jeff Mullis** (53<sup>rd</sup>)  
*Health and Human Services Committee – 03/06/06*
- SB 649**      Motorist Coverage; insured in liability policies; uninsured motorist coverage subject to stacking  
Sens. **Cecil Staton** (18<sup>th</sup>); **Ralph Hudgens** (47<sup>th</sup>); **David Shafer** (48<sup>th</sup>); **Jeff Chapman** (3<sup>rd</sup>) and **Seth Harp** (29<sup>th</sup>)  
*Insurance and Labor Committee – 03/06/06*
- SB 650**      Residential/General Contractors; revise a definition; licensed without examination; extend date  
Sen. **Jeff Mullis** (53<sup>rd</sup>)  
*Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee – 03/06/06*
- SB 651**      Off-Road Vehicles; driven/ridden legally on private property for sport/training; local ordinances  
Sen. **Jeff Mullis** (53<sup>rd</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/06/06*
- SR 652**      Austell, City of; revise districts for election of members of city council; definitions; inclusions  
Sen. **Steve Thompson** (33<sup>rd</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/06/06*
- SR 653**      *Georgia Homeland Protection Act*; unlawful for employer to employ any person unless he/she provides proper identification; penalties  
Sen. **Kasim Reed** (35<sup>th</sup>)  
*Insurance and Labor Committee – 03/06/06*
- SR 654**      Evidence; persons engaged in gathering/dissemination of news; qualified privilege from disclosing certain information  
Sen. **Kasim Reed** (35<sup>th</sup>)  
*Judiciary Committee – 03/06/06*
- SR 655**      Treasury, Office of/Fiscal Services; prohibit making certain deposits in certain financial institutions; Republic of Sudan  
Sen. **Judson Hill** (32<sup>nd</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/06/06*
- SB 656**      Educational Facilities Surveys; capital outlay funds; potential growth indicators; change provisions  
Sen. **Bill Hamrick** (30<sup>th</sup>)  
*Education and Youth Committee – 03/08/06*
- SB 657**      Abandoned Cemeteries; counties/municipalities to preserve historically registered cemeteries; provide authority  
Sen. **Jack Hill** (4<sup>th</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/08/06*
- SB 658**      Tift County Board of Education; continuation in office of current members; election of chairperson  
Sen. **Joseph Carter** (13<sup>th</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/08/06*



**SB 659** Madison, City of; charter; amend, consolidate, revise, and restate  
Sen. **Johnny Grant** (25<sup>th</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/08/06*

### *House Resolutions*

**HR 413** Warren V. Johnson Bridge; designate  
Rep. **Bob Hanner** (148<sup>th</sup>)  
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**HR 1302** Stephen J. Schmidt, Sr. Memorial Highway; dedicate  
Reps. **Mike Jacobs** (80<sup>th</sup>) and **Fran Millar** (79<sup>th</sup>)  
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**HB 276** Motor vehicles; licensing of ignition interlock device providers  
Reps. **Tom Rice** (51<sup>st</sup>); **Matt Dollar** (45<sup>th</sup>); **Alan Powell** (29<sup>th</sup>);  
**Jack Murphy** (23<sup>rd</sup>) and **Bobby Parham** (141<sup>st</sup>)  
*Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 03/02/06*

**HB 491** Towns County; board of commissioners; reconstitute  
Rep. **Charles Jenkins** (8<sup>th</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/08/06*

**HB 801** Physical therapists; licenses; eliminate certain requirement  
Reps. **Tom McCall** (30<sup>th</sup>); **Glenn Richardson** (19<sup>th</sup>)  
and **Steve Tumlin** (38<sup>th</sup>)  
*Health and Human Services Committee – 03/06/06*

**HB 831** Richmond County; certain officials; compensation  
Reps. **Pete Warren** (122<sup>nd</sup>); **Henry Howard** (121<sup>st</sup>)  
and **Quincy Murphy** (120<sup>th</sup>)  
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**HB 847** Juvenile proceedings; emancipation of minors by petition  
Reps. **Mark Butler** (18<sup>th</sup>); **Mary Margaret Oliver** (83<sup>rd</sup>)  
and **Lynn Smith** (70<sup>th</sup>)  
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**HB 920** Employees' health insurance; certain members of local boards of education;  
provide benefits  
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*Insurance and Labor Committee – 03/02/06*

**HB 935** Advanced practice registered nurse; controlled substances; provisions  
Reps. **Sue Burmeister** (119<sup>th</sup>); **Earl Ehrhart** (36<sup>th</sup>); **Bill Hembree** (67<sup>th</sup>);  
**Michele Henson** (87<sup>th</sup>); **Debbie Buckner** (130<sup>th</sup>) and **Jane Kidd** (115<sup>th</sup>)  
*Health and Human Services Committee – 03/06/06*

**HB 988** War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission; create  
Reps. **Cecily Hill** (180<sup>th</sup>); **Roger Lane** (167<sup>th</sup>); **Jerry Keen** (179<sup>th</sup>);  
**Tommy Smith** (168<sup>th</sup>) and **Hinson Mosley** (178<sup>th</sup>)  
*Veterans and Military Affairs Committee – 03/08/06*

- HB 1012** General obligation bonds; requirements; provisions  
Reps. **Fran Millar** (79<sup>th</sup>); **Stan Watson** (91<sup>st</sup>); **Jill Chambers** (81<sup>st</sup>);  
**Paul Jennings** (82<sup>nd</sup>) and **Mike Jacobs** (80<sup>th</sup>)  
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- HB 1014** Sales and use tax; government contractor; automatic repeal date; extend  
Reps. **Steve Tumlin** (38<sup>th</sup>); **Earl Ehrhart** (36<sup>th</sup>); **Shelia Jones** (44<sup>th</sup>);  
**Rich Golick** (34<sup>th</sup>); **Judy Manning** (32<sup>nd</sup>) and **Rob Teilhet** (40<sup>th</sup>)  
*Finance Committee – 03/06/06*
- HB 1018** Sales and use tax; biomass material; certain exemptions; provide  
Reps. **Jeff Lewis** (15<sup>th</sup>); **Larry O’Neal** (146<sup>th</sup>); **Gerald Greene** (149<sup>th</sup>);  
**Richard Royal** (171<sup>st</sup>); **Bob Hanner** (148<sup>th</sup>) and **Karla Drenner** (86<sup>th</sup>)  
*Finance Committee – 03/06/06*
- HB 1031** Incest; gender neutrality; provisions  
Reps. **Ron Dodson** (75<sup>th</sup>); **Wendell Willard** (49<sup>th</sup>); **Richard Royal** (171<sup>st</sup>);  
**Mike Barnes** (78<sup>th</sup>); **Darryl Jordan** (77<sup>th</sup>) and **Tom Knox** (24<sup>th</sup>)  
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- HB 1075** Bond; used motor vehicle dealers; increase amount  
Rep. **Bobby Parham** (141<sup>st</sup>)  
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- HB 1083** Georgia Medical Center Authority; projects; change definition  
Reps. **Ben Harbin** (118<sup>th</sup>); **Sue Burmeister** (119<sup>th</sup>)  
and **Barry Fleming** (117<sup>th</sup>)  
*Higher Education Committee – 03/08/06*
- HB 1092** Suicide Prevention Program; create  
Reps. **Judy Manning** (32<sup>nd</sup>); **Ron Stephens** (164<sup>th</sup>); **Sharon Cooper** (41<sup>st</sup>);  
**Jeff Brown** (69<sup>th</sup>); **Debbie Buckner** (130<sup>th</sup>) and **Pat Gardner** (57<sup>th</sup>)  
*Health and Human Services Committee – 03/08/06*
- HB 1105** Contracting business; documentation of full-time engagement; provisions  
Reps. **Ron Dodson** (75<sup>th</sup>); **Steve Tumlin** (38<sup>th</sup>); **Judy Manning** (32<sup>nd</sup>)  
and **Ron Stephens** (164<sup>th</sup>)  
*Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee – 03/06/06*
- HB 1112** Speech-language pathologists and audiologists; licensing; change provisions  
Reps. **Bob Smith** (113<sup>th</sup>); **Doug Holt** (112<sup>th</sup>); **Mark Butler** (18<sup>th</sup>)  
and **Charlice Byrd** (20<sup>th</sup>)  
*Health and Human Services Committee – 03/02/06*
- HB 1162** Department of Community Affairs; Section 8 housing fraud; require  
investigation  
Reps. **Barry Fleming** (117<sup>th</sup>); **David Ralston** (7<sup>th</sup>); **Melvin Everson** (106<sup>th</sup>);  
**Tom Knox** (24<sup>th</sup>) and **Ed Setzler** (35<sup>th</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/06/06*
- HB 1164** *Budget Act*; amend  
Reps. **Earl Ehrhart** (36<sup>th</sup>); **Ben Harbin** (118<sup>th</sup>) and **Ronald Forster** (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
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- HB 1187** Appraisal; county staff; change certain provisions  
Reps. **Wendell Willard** (49<sup>th</sup>); **Harry Geisinger** (48<sup>th</sup>);  
**Edward Lindsey** (54<sup>th</sup>); **Bob Holmes** (61<sup>st</sup>); **Mark Burkhalter** (50<sup>th</sup>)  
and **Joe Wilkinson** (52<sup>nd</sup>)  
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- HB 1209** Dept. of Public Safety; motorcycle enforcement program; provisions for payment  
Reps. **Jill Chambers** (81<sup>st</sup>); **Joe Wilkinson** (52<sup>nd</sup>) and **Stan Watson** (91<sup>st</sup>)  
*Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 03/02/06*
- HB 1224** *Health Share Volunteers in Medicine Act*; revise certain definitions  
Reps. **Mickey Channell** (116<sup>th</sup>); **Sharon Cooper** (41<sup>st</sup>); **Jeff Brown** (69<sup>th</sup>); **Donna Sheldon** (105<sup>th</sup>) and **Judy Manning** (32<sup>nd</sup>)  
*Health and Human Services Committee – 03/08/06*
- HB 1252** Driver training schools; definitions; provide  
Reps. **Tom Rice** (51<sup>st</sup>); **Jack Murphy** (23<sup>rd</sup>); **Willie Talton** (145<sup>th</sup>) and **Matt Dollar** (45<sup>th</sup>)  
*Higher Education Committee – 03/08/06*
- HB 1253** Drivers' licenses; certain provisions; clarify  
Reps. **Tom Rice** (51<sup>st</sup>); **Jack Murphy** (23<sup>rd</sup>); **Willie Talton** (145<sup>th</sup>) and **Matt Dollar** (45<sup>th</sup>)  
*Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 03/06/06*
- HB 1257** Insurance; certain change of address filings; exempt from fee  
Reps. **Tom Knox** (24<sup>th</sup>); **Howard Maxwell** (17<sup>th</sup>); **John Meadows** (5<sup>th</sup>) and **Stan Watson** (91<sup>st</sup>)  
*Insurance and Labor Committee – 03/06/06*
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Reps. **Vance Smith** (129<sup>th</sup>); **Johnny Floyd** (147<sup>th</sup>); **Ed Rynders** (152<sup>nd</sup>); **Tom Graves** (12<sup>th</sup>) and **Mickey Channell** (116<sup>th</sup>)  
*Transportation Committee – 03/06/06*
- HB 1288** Municipal court clerks; required training; provide  
Reps. **David Ralston** (7<sup>th</sup>); **Barry Fleming** (117<sup>th</sup>); **Mark Hatfield** (177<sup>th</sup>); **Clay Cox** (102<sup>nd</sup>) and **Melvin Everson** (106<sup>th</sup>)  
*Judiciary Committee – 03/06/06*
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Reps. **Richard Smith** (131<sup>st</sup>); **Carl Rogers** (26<sup>th</sup>); **John Meadows** (5<sup>th</sup>) and **Quincy Murphy** (120<sup>th</sup>)  
*Insurance and Labor Committee – 03/02/06*
- HB 1293** Conservation use covenant; breach; provide for additional acts  
Reps. **Richard Royal** (171<sup>st</sup>); **Johnny Floyd** (147<sup>th</sup>); **Jay Roberts** (154<sup>th</sup>); **Mickey Channell** (116<sup>th</sup>) and **Larry O'Neal** (146<sup>th</sup>)  
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- HB 1308** Nursing homes; fees; change certain provisions  
Rep. **Jeff Brown** (69<sup>th</sup>)  
*Health and Human Services Committee – 03/06/06*
- HB 1310** Revenue and taxation; comprehensive revision of provisions; provide  
Reps. **Larry O'Neal** (146<sup>th</sup>); **David Knight** (126<sup>th</sup>); **Jim Cole** (125<sup>th</sup>); **Richard Smith** (131<sup>st</sup>) and **Howard Mosby** (90<sup>th</sup>)  
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- HB 1319** Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority; change certain provisions  
Reps. **Lynn Smith** (70<sup>th</sup>); **David Knight** (126<sup>th</sup>); **Rich Golick** (34<sup>th</sup>); **Carl Rogers** (26<sup>th</sup>) and **Tom McCall** (30<sup>th</sup>)  
*Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 03/06/06*
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Reps. **Mike Coan** (101<sup>st</sup>); **Roger Williams** (4<sup>th</sup>); **Mark Butler** (18<sup>th</sup>); **Earl Carter** (159<sup>th</sup>); **Clay Cox** (102<sup>nd</sup>) and **Tom Knox** (24<sup>th</sup>)  
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**David Graves** (137<sup>th</sup>) and **Earl Carter** (159<sup>th</sup>)  
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*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/02/06*
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